

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF GREG MUDGE

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 27, 2022

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, today I want to celebrate the memory of Greg Mudge, a longtime community member and business owner in Detroit, Michigan, who we tragically lost last year.

Greg was a beloved member of our community, and his sudden death was a shock to us all. When he first opened Mudgie's Deli under his ownership back in 2008, Greg was already a member of the community. A food service veteran, he built and managed his own business with the heart and soul of family. His approach was "all hands on deck," and he never shied away from any task and always gave a helping hand to any of his team.

Greg was a deli sandwich craftsman committed to serving high-quality food. Many of his menu offerings were made from scratch. He incorporated family recipes, like his grandmother's meatloaf, into his menu items. The homemade food made Mudgie's Deli a neighborhood standout. More than that, Greg's enthusiasm and passion for his work shined through in all that he did.

Always greeting guests with a warm smile, Greg Mudge embodied the spirit of our southwest Detroit neighborhoods. Please join me in honoring his memory.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 27, 2022

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 198; YEA on Roll Call No. 199; YEA on Roll Call No. 200; YEA on Roll Call No. 201; YEA on Roll Call No. 202; YEA on Roll Call No. 203; and YEA on Roll Call No. 204.

RECOGNIZING LOVEY HAMMEL AND DENISE MCPHAIL AT THE 12TH ANNUAL HYLTON CENTER ANNIVERSARY GALA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 27, 2022

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the honorees of the 12th Annual Hylton Center Gala, Lovey Hammel and Denise McPhail, who have demonstrated incredible dedication and service to The Hylton Performing Arts Center. The Hylton Performing Arts Center serves to enrich, en-

tertain, and celebrate the community through arts and educational programs. The Hylton Performing Arts Center provides a variety of cultural experiences for all ages, and we are thankful to have this Center in our community.

Lovey Hammel has served as the President of Employment Enterprises, Inc. for more than forty years, working to ensure everyone has the skills and opportunities they need to succeed in Northern Virginia. She worked tirelessly throughout her educational career and has given back to these institutions, including the Mason Board of Visitors, to which Governor Tim Kaine appointed her. Lovey has also served as the Chair of both the Prince William County Chamber of Commerce and the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

Her family has been dedicated to the Hylton Center before its conception. Lovey's mother, the late Jana Yeates, served as the Marketing and Outreach Committee Chair on the initial campaign to bring the Center into reality. As a display of their love for the performing arts and the work they put into creating the Hylton Center, Lovey's parents generously gave to the Center to name the Lovey Hammel Lounge in their daughter's honor. She and her family are landmark members of the Hylton Center's legacy.

Denise McPhail is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Creative and Performing Arts Center, Inc. (CAPAC), a position she has proudly held for years. CAPAC serves as a bridge to connect underserved communities with access to and inclusion in the performing arts. Under Denise's leadership, CAPAC has helped hundreds of students experience the thrill of performance.

After more than thirty years of civil service, Denise has retired, but her commitment to the Hylton Performing Arts Center has not wavered. She supported the Center before the ground was even broken, wowing audiences with CAPAC performances at the outset of Hylton's construction. As a current member of the Center's Executive Board, Denise continues to enshrine Northern Virginia's dedication to the arts, and this honor could not be more fitting for a woman of her commitment and expertise.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending this year's Hylton Center honorees. Lovey Hammel and Denise McPhail have dedicated themselves to making the arts accessible and remain invaluable members of the Northern Virginia community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2022 DAVIS NEW MEXICO SCHOLARS

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 27, 2022

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the recipients of the Davis New Mexico Scholarship for their outstanding academic and personal achievement.

Founded in 2014 to ensure that more first-generation college-going New Mexican students complete a four-year degree, the Davis New Mexico Scholarship's mission is to break the generational opportunity gap in higher education.

I congratulate and commend each of the 2022 Davis New Mexico Scholars. The recipients include: Joshua Abeyta, Yamilenia Aguilar Diaz, Edwin Aranda Martinez, Jessica Arevalo, Diego Armendariz, Andres Arroyo-Cano, Norely Breceda Mendoza, Amanda Carey, Omar Carmona, Rodriguez, Simrat Chauhan, Jorge Chumacero, Aiden Cruz, Kaylin Francisco, Nathaly Galindo, Kevin Granillo Hernández, Antony Ha, Jeisha Hernandez, Dominique Herrera, Minh Hoyer, Esmeralda Jasso Laguna, Mary Jensen, Perla Juarez, Hariah Lewis Gleason, Kylan Littlehat, Hailey Loya, Juan Loya, Ingrid Luevano Flores, Jamie Lujan, Rayvan Luna, Isaiiah Madril, Megan Manzanares, Elvis Marin, Mariah Mejillas-Rivera, Isabella Pacheco, Araceli Peña, Tse-Whang Peña, Veronica Perez, Betzabed Ramirez, Aldo Rios, Abigail Rios Guevara, Victoria Rivera, Amy Segura, Alana Smith, Clara Sotelo, Bridget Valdez, Joaquin Valencia, Ximena Valencia Lozoya, Pete Velarde, Alec Vigil, and Ajahrain Yellowhair.

These students are among the best in New Mexico. It takes a tremendous amount of willpower and hard work to pursue a college education, especially when you're the first in your family to go to college.

Whether they study in New Mexico or elsewhere, the recipients of the 2022 Davis New Mexico Scholarship, they will continue to make our state proud. I join their families and communities in wishing them well on their college journey.

RECOGNITION OF THE BATTLE OF ORMOC BAY

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 27, 2022

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize our brave servicemembers and allies that fought in the Battle of Ormoc Bay during World War II. One of the fiercest battles of the war, Ormoc Bay proved pivotal in the Pacific and the liberation of the Philippines.

By October 1944, the tide in the Pacific had begun to shift in favor of the United States and our allies. Recognizing the strategic importance of the Philippines, soldiers from the U.S. Sixth Army landed on Leyte Island.

The Battle of Ormoc Bay was pivotal in the liberation of the Philippines and began on November 11 when U.S. 3rd Fleet Commander Admiral William Halsey ordered an air attack on two resupply convoys approaching the bay, followed by mine sweepers *Pursuit* and *Revenge* and Destroyer Squadron 22 entering Ormoc Bay.

The battle had a significant impact on Ormoc. The port suffered significant damage,

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and casualties mounted. As the fighting intensified, Filipino community leaders worked to save lives and countless civilians evacuated from the area with many families sheltering in the mountains.

In a push to gain control of the port at Ormoc, on December 7 infantry regiments of the 77th Division conducted an amphibious landing 3 miles south of Ormoc. In the most intense aerial battle of the Leyte Campaign, allied aircraft dropped 97,000 pounds of munitions on enemy shipping sinking several ships. Over 75 vessels of the Ormoc Attack Group came under constant and intense kamikaze attack. The destroyers *Ward* and *Mahan* were lost in the engagement with several other ships badly damaged. The Battle of Ormoc Bay was the only naval engagement during the war where the enemy brought every type of weapon to bear against the Allies.

The Battle of Ormoc Bay brought terrible destruction and incalculable loss of life. Countless individuals risked their lives to free a nation with thousands making the ultimate sacrifice. Before being able to celebrate the liberation of the Philippines, many Filipinos bravely fought for freedom and suffered tremendous loss throughout the war.

Madam Speaker, we are once again honored to remember all those who sacrificed in the liberation of the Philippines. Their dedication paved the way to victory in the Pacific and provides us an example to which we all strive to live up to. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing these outstanding heroes.

COMMENDING GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 27, 2022

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend George Mason University's 50th Anniversary.

In 1957, George Mason College was established as the Northern Virginia branch of the University of Virginia. Mayor John "Jack" Wood and the then-Town of Fairfax were instrumental in acquiring the original 150 acres of land for the Fairfax Campus in 1958. Shortly after, Rector John "Til" Hazel, Jr., helped acquire an additional 421 acres of land to expand the Fairfax Campus in 1969.

Fifteen years after its inception, on April 7, 1972, a contingent from George Mason College met with Governor A. Linwood Holton in Richmond to sign House Bill 210, establishing George Mason University as a free-standing four-year public institution of higher education. George Mason University now operates three campuses in the Commonwealth—including the Fairfax campus that is located in Virginia's 11th District.

George Mason University is home to academically driven students and professors, as well as state-of-the-art facilities and programs. GMU Professor James Buchanan won the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences in 1986 and Professor Vernon Smith won the prize in 2002, making them the Commonwealth of Virginia's first two Nobel Memorial Prize recipients. The university achieved R1 "Highest Research Activity" status in 2016, and 2018, from the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

GMU has worked to provide opportunities for all and break down the barriers that often keep people from achieving academic success. In 2018, GMU and Northern Virginia Community College created the ADVANCE program, a partnership that assisted students as they transfer from a two-year program to earn a bachelor's degree, helping more than 2,020 students through the pathway program. During the pandemic, 61 percent of GMU students received some form of financial aid, including almost a third of Undergraduates who received Pell Grants. A quarter of GMU's undergraduate students are first-generation college students, and approximately 1 in 12 GMU students are affiliated with the military, including veterans, active-duty personnel, military dependents, reservists, and guardsmen.

George Mason University is the most diverse, fastest growing, and largest public four-year institution in the Commonwealth, serving 39,134 students with close to 11,000 staff and faculty. There are more than 215,900 GMU alumni, including 135,300 currently in Virginia. The hundreds of thousands of alumni are reflective of the 70 percent six-year graduation rate that has little to no disparity on ethnicity or economic status.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending George Mason University on its 50th Anniversary. GMU exemplifies the tremendous success that institutions of higher education can achieve when equity, diversity, and accessibility are of paramount importance.

RECOGNIZING GBS AND CIDP AWARENESS MONTH

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 27, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the month of May as GBS CIDP Awareness Month and draw attention to the insidious nature of these terrible diseases.

Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) is an inflammatory disorder of the peripheral nerves outside the brain and spinal cord. GBS is characterized by the rapid onset of numbness, weakness, and often paralysis of the legs, arms, breathing muscles, and face. Paralysis is ascending, meaning that it travels up the limbs from fingers and toes towards the torso. Loss of reflexes, such as the knee jerk, are usually found. Usually, a new case of GBS is admitted to ICU (Intensive Care) to monitor breathing and other body functions until the disease is stabilized. Plasma exchange (a blood "cleansing" procedure) and high dose intravenous immune globulins are often helpful to shorten the course of GBS. The acute phase of GBS typically varies in length from a few days to months. Patient care involves the coordinated efforts of a team such as a neurologist, physiatrist (rehabilitation physician), internist, family physician, physical therapist, occupational therapist, social worker, nurse, and psychologist or psychiatrist. Recovery may occur over six months to two years or longer. A particularly frustrating consequence of GBS is long-term recurrences of fatigue and/or exhaustion as well as abnormal sensations including pain and muscle aches.

Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP) is a rare disorder of

the peripheral nerves characterized by gradually increasing weakness of the legs and, to a lesser extent, the arms. It is the gradual onset as well as the chronic nature of CIDP that differentiates it from GBS. Like GBS, CIDP is caused by damage to the covering of the nerves, called myelin. It can start at any age and in both genders. Weakness occurs over two or more months. Unlike GBS, CIDP is chronic, with symptoms constantly waxing and waning. Left untreated; 30 percent of CIDP patients will progress to wheelchair dependence. Early recognition and treatment can avoid a significant amount of disability. Post-treatment life depends on whether the disease was caught early enough to benefit from treatment options. The gradual onset of CIDP can delay diagnosis by several months or even years, resulting in significant nerve damage that may take several courses of treatment before benefits are seen. The chronic nature of CIDP differentiates long-term care from GBS patients. Adjustments inside the home may need to be made to facilitate a return to normal life.

I call on my colleagues to join me in recognizing May as GBS CIDP Awareness Month. Together we can promote important scientific breakthroughs that improve the lives of individuals and families battling GBS, CIDP and MMN.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF CURRAN SMOLINSKY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 27, 2022

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Curran Smolinsky and his service to Virginia's First District and the Nation.

Curran earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science and Government from the University of Mary Washington, a prestigious university in Virginia's First District. As the Captain of the soccer team, Curran helped lead the Eagles to their first Continental Athletic Conference soccer championship in 16 years. Needless to say, Curran was as integral to the Mary Washington team as he was to my staff.

Curran first joined my office as an intern in my office during the summer of 2015. During the summer of 2016, he rejoined my staff and assisted the other interns with integrating into our office. After graduation, Curran worked at Infinity Support Services as a program analyst, but after a call to rejoin our office, Curran gladly accepted. He has been with us for over three years now. During his time serving Virginia's First District, Curran admirably worked as a staff assistant, and quickly climbed the professional ladder to become a Legislative Aide in the Spring of 2021. Throughout his tenure here, Curran always put the concerns of Virginia's First District's constituents first.

Curran has devoted his talents to the common good and dedicated his heart and mind to civil service. I would like to thank Curran for his contributions over the past three years. I wish Curran the best as he continues his career on the other side of the Potomac as he continues serving the nation at the Department of Defense.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Curran Smolinsky for his dedicated service to Virginia's First District. May